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Daniel Rubio\* as Usnavi and Linda Dorsey\* as Abuela Claudia

## CALENDAR INFORMATION

What: Lin-Manuel Miranda's Tony Award Winning *In the Heights*

Presented by: Woodminster Summer Musicals by Producers Associates, Inc.

When: 8 pm on August 31, September 1, 7, 8 and 7pm on September 2, 6, 9

Where: Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, 3540 Sanborn Drive, Oakland

Tickets: 510-531-9597 or [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com) or at the box office before any performance

## PRESS RELEASE

Woodminster Summer Musicals Closes Its 52nd Season With *In the Heights*

August 9, 2018, Oakland, CA -- Producers Associates ends the 52nd season of Woodminster Summer Musicals with Lin-Manuel Miranda's *In the Heights*! *In the Heights* tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

Music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda and a book by Quiara Alegría Hudes, *In the Heights* is the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations. This high-energy show features lovable characters, a contemporary Latin-flavored score and Tony-winning hip-hop dance moves. But it's also very sweet and sentimental, wearing its heart on its sleeve.

Premiering on Broadway in March of 2008, the show performed 29 previews and 1,184 regular performances before closing on January 9, 2011. This musical has been produced throughout

the world in Tokyo, Lima, Seoul, Panama City, and many more, and has also had multiple U.S. tours.

Says director Joel Schlader, "*In the Heights* brings a joyful new beat to our stage. Be prepared to tap your toes to the rhythms, get immersed in this electrifying and touching story, and believe in the power of Musical Theatre."

Tickets are available by phone, at 510-531-9597, online at [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com), or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater 10-4 weekdays and 10-2 weekends, or at the box office 2 hours before any performance. Performances are 8 pm on August 31 (opening), September 1, 7, 8 and 7pm on September 2, 6, 9

Tickets for summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater range from \$32 to \$69, with a \$2 discount for seniors 62 and older. Since the beginning, one of Producers Associates' missions has been to make live theater affordable for families in the local community, and the organization offers many ticket discount programs with that in mind. They include:

- Season tickets and flex passes (about a 15% discount)
- Group rate 25+ (about half price, specific performances)
- Group rate 12+ (about 15% off, any performance)
- Oakland residents (about half price, opening night of each show)
- Millennials 17-30 (about half price, at the door any performance)
- Kids Come Free (up to 16 yrs, 1 free with 1 paying adult, at the door any performance)
- K75 (up to 16 yrs, about 75% off, 5 discounted kids with 1 paying adult, pre-sales okay, any performance)

Woodminster shows are performed with live orchestras, and musicians are members of Musicians Local No. 6.

This is the last show of the 52nd season of Woodminster Summer Musicals.

Over the last 52 years, Producers Associates has presented 160+ productions, entertaining over a million Woodminster Summer Musicals ticket holders. The shows have been performed by more than 5000 actors, over 20% of them members of Actors Equity Association, making the organization one of the Bay Area's most reliable employers of professional actors. The musicals have always been performed with live professional orchestras, which have included 23 different conductors and over 1800 members of Musicians Local #6. In addition, the organization has employed 26 professional set designers, 17 lighting designers, 25 costume designers, 6 sound technicians, 18 choreographers, 6 directors, and over 1,500 young backstage interns.

Woodminster Summer Musicals are performed under the stars at Woodminster Amphitheater, an open-air performance facility in Joaquin Miller Park high in the Oakland Hills. The park's spectacular views and serene woodsy environment made it the perfect setting for the amphitheater, cascades, reflecting pool, and paths that were originally built as a WPA project in 1939-40. For many East Bay families, it is a long-standing summer tradition to enjoy a picnic in the park and then see a musical at Woodminster. For more information about the 2018 season or the history of the organization, visit [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com).